

**SOUTHERN NYE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

The Southern Nye County Conservation District (SNCCD) serves the southern half of Nye County, from the Sarcobatus Flat south to the California border. The majority of land within the district boundary is federally controlled by the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Energy, and the National Park Service. The private agricultural lands are all irrigated from deep wells. The major workload within the district boundary is located in Beatty, Amargosa and Pahrump Valley.

**Supervisors:**

Brad Hunt, Chairman

Donna Lamm, Financial Officer

John Pawlak, Vice Chairman

Tami Tripp-Massie, Supervisor

Tom Powell, Supervisor

Kyle Walton

**Portfolio:**

Weed projects in Oasis Valley  
& Pahrump Valley

Water, Sewer and Flood Project

Media Promotion

Weed Projects in Pahrump Valley, resigned  
from SNCCD Board August 19, 2009

Conservation issues with regard to mining  
operations

Nye County Representative

- Attended the monthly Beatty Habitat Committee meetings in Beatty, Nevada.
- Worked with Michael Vermeys, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), on the Assistance Agreement for the SNCCD, securing additional funding of \$14,500.
- Took before and after pictures at the various locations where Tamarisk has been removed.
- Continued to work with the Beatty General Improvement District while working in the riverbed to clear a water channel for the mosquito abatement project.
- Worked to keep the community of Beatty informed on the Tamarisk removal project as specified in the Conservation Agreement signed by the Nye County Commissioners and various other agencies.
- Coordinated Tamarisk removal projects at several locations in Oasis Valley, which involved coordinating work with landowners, surveying areas for regrowth, coordinating with the contractor assigned to do the work, and inspecting jobs both before and after work was completed.
- Applied for a grant from Nevada Department of Agriculture for \$12,500.00 for tree removal in Pahrump Valley. Notice of award should be received within the next 10 days.
- Applied for a grant from Nevada Department of Agriculture for Oasis Valley for \$12,500.00. Notice of award should be received within the next 10 days.
- Continued with the Cooperative Weed Management Association for Southern Nye County.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- As a commissioner on the Nevada State Conservation Commission, attended quarterly meetings.
- Coordinated numerous field trips to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, transporting 525 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the Nye County School District to the Refuge.

- Continued to work with representatives from AMNWR and the Amargosa Conservancy to obtain funding and volunteers for future field trips.
- Member of the Pahrump area Wellhead Protection Team.
- Continued as a board member of the Amargosa Conservancy, working with the bi-state, four-county advisory board regarding sensitive issues in this region, which include groundwater and other natural resources.
- Continued to work with the Amargosa Conservancy water committee to initiate a water monitoring program on four springs in the Amargosa River area.
- Supervised the SNCCD administrative work flow.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Participated in the preparation of a progress report for the Conservation Agreement.
- Participated in numerous TV shows on Channel 41 in Pahrump discussing local water issues.
- Continued promoting the SNCCD through TV Channel 41 offering educational information regarding the need for noxious weed and Tamarisk removal.
- Continued participation in local annual events promoting the SNCCD using posters, flyers, informational handouts.
- Created and maintained a display, which contained informational materials at the Pahrump Library.
- Continued working closely with the Cooperative Extension to help educate the public regarding the need for Tamarisk and noxious weed removal.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Researched different methods of Tamarisk removal for the purpose of utilizing funding as much as possible.
- Attended RC&D monthly meetings as a SNCCD representative.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Continued working with the BLM concerning eradication of Tamarisk in Amargosa Valley.
- Continued working with farmers and Assemblyman concerning water uses in Amargosa Valley.
- Worked with the general public regarding Tamarisk and its environmental impact, offering ideas for replacement with different noninvasive spp.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Worked with the Bureau of Land Management concerning the eradication of invasive species.
- Worked with local water users, farmers and Assemblyman.
- Educated the general public regarding tamarisk and its environmental impact, offering ideas for replacement with different noninvasive spp.
- Provided the Southern Nye County Conservation District with news and current information on general farming operations and concerns.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Served as liaison between SNCCD and Nye County Board of County Commissioners, administration and departments.
- Attended and participated in SNCCD Board meetings in the capacity of a voting member.

- Coordinate and participate in actions of other supervisors relative to actions of Nye County.
- Coordinate between SNCCD and High Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.